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WAKING UP AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR

LOS ANGELES is indulging in a virtuous protest against the nefarious conduct of the fraudulent promoter who is accused of being unfit for the company of decent people. The southern newspapers indulge in quite a spasm over the discovery that this is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country by uniting in warfare against the rascally operations of this perfidious class. From a long distance observation it appears to the Bonanza that this action comes too late and that it may be classed with other delays known as closing the door after the horse has been stolen. For twenty years Los Angeles has bled thousands of innocent eastern people who fell for its land game promotions. Nothing was said about these wily gentlemen or their methods of working, but the moment mining promotions begin to obtrude on the stage some of the Pharisees rose with a hypocritical sneer to deery and disparage the new form of diverting capital from orange and citrus lands. Frost may come and go, water may advance in value until it reaches the prohibitive stage for irrigation, alkali wastes may be depicted as suburbs of Eden and mirages may be transferred to tenderfoot speculators, but nothing is said about these rascalities. Nevertheless the moment the word "mining" is mentioned there is an explosion that can be heard down at San Diego, and every mother's son of the bunch whose fortune can be traced directly to crooked real estate deals and base fabrications about production of tropical fruits emits a roar which sounds like protesting too much. Here is the way in which they describe their feelings in a statement furnished the Financial world:

"Business men of Los Angeles, realizing that their city has become the Mecca for irresponsible promoters, are discussing measures to protect the public against these unscrupulous sellers of wild cat securities. One plan is to organize a committee to prosecute these frauds; another is to form a bureau through which the public may obtain trustworthy advices about the standing of promoters and their propositions. A third plan is to solicit the co-operation of the decent press to clean the town of its undesirable element."

It may be impertinent to inquire what is meant by the class of "undesirable" citizens. This reads like a page from the early days of Goldfield, when the word "undesirable" had a meaning all its own that finally led to the importation of a lot of United States troops to assist in a clean up. It may be inferred that the "undesirables" in his case are the mining promoters who have been cutting in on the game of the land sharks, but before saying anything in condemnation of the pervasive term the Bonanza inquires for further particulars. Perhaps this paper may be mistaken and that the fulmination is designed to cover the wild-catters who have preyed on the public to the extent of enlarging the town limits of Los Angeles a distance of some twenty miles for the purpose of deluding investors into believing they are buying town lots when, as a matter of fact, they are speculating in the outskirts of distant suburbs.

It is time that Los Angeles should have a housecleaning, but it is also timely that the people of Los Angeles should say what class of "unscrupulous" speculators they are peeved over.

NEVADA LAND DEVELOPMENT

HUMBOLDT county is the beneficiary of the first substantial and well organized movement for redemption of sagebrush lands on a large scale. Numerous sporadic efforts have been made to this end, but before they reached fruition something happened by which the experiment was abandoned and the experimenters driven out of the state to some place where they found a more generous encouragement and ardent welcome. Nevada is doing its best to chill the ardor of the small bunch of optimists who persist in raising their voices in praise of the resources of the state and it is hoped that the latest effort will not be throttled before it reaches maturity. The men at the head of the new movement are represented by A. T. De Forest, vice president of the United States Steel Products company, and C. L. Smith, assistant cashier of the Anglo-California Trust company, of San Francisco. The land is northeast of Winnemucca in Paradise Valley some ten miles from the nearest railroad station, and the tract includes nearly 1000 acres, which is being grubbed for the purpose of being placed under cultivation this fall, when it will likely be sown to winter wheat, which is the most promising crop inviting the attention of investors.

Congress included in the civil sundry appropriation bill an allowance of \$100,000 to test the underflow of the arid states and, if the Nevada delegation is not too busy with politics, it is likely that a portion of this amount will find lodgment in such counties as Nye, Humboldt and Elko, where the future of agricultural development rests entirely on the possibility of developing a local supply of water either of the artesian order or by tapping the underflow which has been proven to exist at widely separated points. One of the most attractive stretches of land in the state that cannot be excelled for susceptibility to irrigation is the San Antonio desert, lying just below Tonopah and extending for a distance of sixty miles north and south in the heart of a mining section that is dying for some one to come along and sell farm products at farm prices.

BOASTING IS NOT BOOSTING

IT is puerile for Nevada to keep on bragging about what has been done and what is going to be done with the proposed militia. The lieutenant governor cannot overcome his boasting proclivities when he compares the Nevada troops, which exist only on paper, with the thousands of men already on the border from California. If the ex-officio adjutant general is not misquoted he is gently reminded that a man's friends are often the worst enemies and beg to be spared from them. Here is the remark of Hon. Maurice J.

Sullivan taken from the Carson City News:

"California has a greater number of soldiers in the service than Nevada and has beaten us to it in the matter of time, but as soon as our men are provided with their outfits and sent to the front it is reasonably certain that we will shine, pro rata, in military circles, with the best of them, and, in ratio to our population, will compare favorably."

Considering that the National Guard of Nevada is represented solely by Col. M. J. Sullivan, a civilian without the slightest military training, and that the companies enrolled are still in the foetal stage, it must make California smile to think of any one instituting a comparison. Such misrepresentation does not do any good, as it merely serves to bring the military establishment into popular ridicule. If Nevada is going to furnish her quota of soldiers it is time that all talk should cease and that the enrollment be taken out of the hands of boys and be given to men with some knowledge of the duties involved and the requirements of the service. Tonopah is credited with having forty enlistments, but up to date diligent research and close inquiry fail to disclose the names of any of the eager candidates for martial honors. On the contrary recruiting has become such a byword that it is parodied every night at a well known resort where "official orders" are posted on the walls for the edification of patrons and loungers.

Carson City is boosting the movement and urging Governor Boyle to expedite the organizing of the militia by borrowing money to defray the preliminary expenses. The capital is always on the job when it seems graft or plunder, which appears the only measure of patriotism in that hotbed of politics.

Efforts to contest the validity of the new primary election law are branded futile by reference to the persons connected with the movement. It looks like a case of soreheadism and will not amount to more than a householder's chunk of ice left outdoors in the dogdays.

The Texas brand of ice cream is more deadly than chili con carne, since two regiments of New York troops succumbed the day of their arrival at San Antonio from a surfeit of sweetness.

MARVELOUS ZINC MINES OF TOBAR RICHEST IN NEVADA

G. S. Hoaglin, of Tobar, owner of the townsite there, who is here today on a visit, said that the officials of the Nevada Zinc company, now operating at the Tobar mines, are inspecting the new Anaconda smelter in Montana, ostensibly with a view to building a smelter at Tobar.

The Tobar zinc mines, he said, are truly wonderful, all shipping ore averaging 40 to 50 per cent, nothing under 40 being sent to market. The

visible supply includes hundreds of thousands of tons, he said, running 20 to 40 per cent, nothing under 20. —Elko Independent.

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Time was when the thoroughfare in any large city that the army of bicyclists had selected as their main avenue of travel became a steady procession of riders going and coming, and the pedestrian had to await a favorable opportunity to take an opening to slip across to the other side. This was a decade ago and during that time the bicycle as a popular vehicle of amusement has been superseded by the automobile. While its general use had diminished it is a long way from being dead. The devotees of the bicycle remain a big army.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT FOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Associated Press.)

DEL MONTE, Cal., July 17.—Play in the eighteen annual tournament for the western amateur golf championship began here today on the links of the Del Monte Golf and Country club, and will continue throughout the week. The program for today called for the elimination round, 18 holes medal play, the 64 players with the lowest score to play in the qualifying round tomorrow.

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